IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Arturo CONTINI et al.

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Serial No. (unknown)

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BALSAMIC SAUCE FOR ALIMENTARY USE, WITH A BASIS OF BALSAMIC VINEGAR OF MODENA

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

# IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5, 8 and 9 as follows:

--5.(Amended) Sauce as per claim 1, characterized in that it contains also flavouring bases, suitable to give a specific aroma or flavour to the sauce based on balsamic vinegar of Modena.--

--8.(Amended) Balsamic sauce as per claim 1, characterized in that it is a basic balsamic sauce containing at least 40% of balsamic vinegar of Modena, combined with sugars, modified starch and xanthan gum.--

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--9.(Amended) Balsamic sauce as per claim 1, characterized in that it contains at least 400g. of balsamic vinegar of Modena per 1000g. of finished product. -

## ABSTRACT

Claims 5, 8 and 9 have been amended to correct multiple dependency. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

Respectfully submitted,

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## "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE"

Claims 5, 8 and 9 have been amended as follows:

5.(Amended) Sauce as per one or more of the previous claims; claim 1, characterized in that it contains also flavouring bases, suitable to give a specific aroma or flavour to the sauce based on balsamic vinegar of Modena.

8.(Amended) Balsamic sauce as per one or more of the previous claims, claim 1, characterized in that it is a basic balsamic sauce containing at least 40% of balsamic vinegar of Modena, combined with sugars, modified starch and xanthan gum.

9.(Amended) Balsamic sauce as per one or more of the previous claims; claim 1, characterized in that it contains at least 400g. of balsamic vinegar of Modena per 1000g. of finished product.